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TAGS: ML, US
SUBJ: SENIOR MEMBER MALI GOVT OBJECTED TO AIRPORT FRISKING NEW YORK

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MALI MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (ALIDOU TOURE) CALLED THE US CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY NOV 27 TO CONVEY THE OUTRAGE OF CAPITAINE FILIFING SISSOKO FOR BEING FRISKED BY CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK JUST PRIOR TO SISSOKO'S DEPARTURE ON NOV 21 AT 19:45 EST ON A PANAM FLIGHT TO PARIS. ACCORDING TO TOURE, SISSOKO HAD NOTED ON HIS CUSTOMS DECLARATION THAT HE WAS CARRYING A PISTOL IN HIS BRIEFCASE WHICH HE INTENDED TO RELINQUISH TO THE AIR CREW DURING THE FLIGHT AND THAT HE HAD EXPLAINED THIS TO THE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS. IN SPITE OF THE DECLARATION AND EXPLANATION, THE CUSTOM OFFICIAL ALLEGEDLY INSISTED ON SEARCHING (I.E. FRISKING) SISSOKO. CAPTAIN SISSOKO, A LEADING MEMBER OF THE 11-MEMBER MILITARY COMMITTEE THAT GOVERNS MALI AND CHIEF ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT OF MALI, WAS IN NEW YORK TO PRESENT THE RESULTS OF THE WORLD PEACE CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW TO UNITED NATIONS OFFICIALS. US CHARGE D'AFFAIRES KUNIHOLM APOLOGIZED FOR THE INCIDENT AND PROMISED TO INVESTIGATE THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

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